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Office Action Summary

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☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on May 19, 2000

☐ This action is **FINAL**.

☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 35 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Disposition of Claim

☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application

Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration

☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.

☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.

☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some* ☒ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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☒ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

☒ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 2

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by King et al (US Pat No. 5,872,841).

Regarding claim 1, respect to Figure 1, King et al teach a method and system for scheduling a telephone call from a calling party directed to a particular called party comprising:

calendar information with respect to said called party stored in calendar database of calendar system (on a general processor-based system) (col 4, ln 26-52); and

agent module (means) for providing select portions of said calendar information to a voice mail system (an automatic call routing system), wherein a call routing scheme of said voice mail system (call routing system) is modified to route calls as a function of said select portions of said calendar information (col 4, ln 54-col 5, ln 18 and col 5, ln 62-col 6, ln 60).

Regarding claim 2, respect to Figure 1, King et al teach a method and system for scheduling a telephone call from a calling party directed to a particular called party, wherein said

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calendar information comprises file associated with a electronic calendar program operable on a personal computer (col 4, ln 26-col 5, ln 18 and col 6, ln 55-60).

Regarding claim 3, respect to Figure 1, King et al teach a method and system for scheduling a telephone call from a calling party directed to a particular called party, wherein said providing means is operable automatically (col 4, ln 54-col 5, ln 18 and col 5, ln 62-col 6, ln 60).

Regarding claim 4, respect to Figure 1, King et al teach a method and system for scheduling a telephone call from a calling party directed to a particular called party, wherein said automatic operation of said providing means is initiated upon modification of said calendar information stored on said general purpose processor-based system (col 4, ln 54-col 5, ln 18 and col 5, ln 62-col 6, ln 60).

Regarding claim 5, respect to Figure 1, King et al teach a method and system for scheduling a telephone call from a calling party directed to a particular called party, wherein said automatic operation of said agent module (providing means) is initiated at a preselected time interval (col 4, ln 54-col 5, ln 18 and col 5, ln 62-col 6, ln 60).

Regarding claim 6, respect to Figure 1, King et al teach a method and system for scheduling a telephone call from a calling party directed to a particular called party, wherein said providing means comprises:

agent module (means) for gleaning said select portions of said calendar information from a calendar data (data file) stored on said calendar system (general purpose processor-based system) (col 4, ln 54-col 5, ln 18 and col 5, ln 62-col 6, ln 60); and

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Agent module (means) for manipulating said gleaned information to provide said calendaring information in a format suitable for augmentation into call routing information into call routing information of said voice mail system (call routing system) (col 4, ln 54-col 5, ln 18 and col 5, ln 62-col 6, ln 60).

Regarding claim 7, respect to Figure 1, King et al teach a method and system for scheduling a telephone call from a calling party directed to a particular called party further comprises means for selectively disseminating at least a portion of said calendaring information through said call routing system, wherein said disseminated calendaring information results in a humanly perceptible reproduction of said at least a portion of said calendaring information (col 6, ln 35-42).

As to claims 8-14, they are rejected for the same reasons set forth to rejecting claims 1-7 above, since claims 8-14 are merely a method of operation for the system defined in the system claims 1-7.

As to claims 15-20, they are rejected for the same reasons set forth to rejecting claims 1-6, respectively.

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